

For: the FWP Warm Water Advisory Committee

Presented by: The Warm Water Coalition

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Premise: Region I has a fertile and viable warm water fishery

- Objectives: 1. Strengthen the warm water and cool water management plan
2. Recognize the value of, the sizable interest in the warm water fisheries in Region I

I. Chris Hunter letter

- A. Report is good but out of date
- B. Spread Sheet – Exhibit A
- C. Noxon Reservoir - listed O5 Trout Reservoir
 - 1. Bass, largemouth and smallmouth , were planted by FWP
 - 2. Five Bass Tournaments
 - 3. Western MT Pikers held tournament with good results
 - 4. Rumor has it Noxon will host the first Region 1 Walleye tournament – humor
 - 5. McWenneger Slough is another example

II. In Actual Fact

- A. 30% of Mr. Hunter's total Angling Days, amounting to 138,500, were spent fishing for warm water species.

(this figure is emerging from data that is not yet complete)
- B. Tiber – Lake Elwell
 - 1. Listed as a trout reservoir, 16,482 angler days
 - 2. Isn't Tiber noted for Walleye and Pike?
- C. In the 2001 Regional Stocking Report, (Exhibit B), shows -
 - 1. 125 lakes were stocked with trout
 - 2. 1 lake were stocked with bass

D. This viable warm water fishery is supporting 30% of the fishing pressure with little support from FWP.

1. A large amount of anglers days are spent on warm water species, in these lakes

III. Proposed Actions

A. Work within the framework of the Warm Water Plan 97-06

B. Identify waters within the plan, which conflict with native fishes.

C. Identify waters that are ideal to manage – exhibit ‘C’

D. And on the Tiger Muskie issue – we still believe the tiger Muskie is a viable management tool.

1. Looking forward to the time frame ‘EA’ on feasibility of “Tigers” west of the Continental Divide.

IV. 2007 Future Plan

A. Future waters and possibilities have already been identified – Exhibit C

B. Develop and maintain WW fishing opportunities in Region I.

V. Summation

A. Mr. Hunters last point, in his letter of Feb. 24, stated, “identifying a list of waters, were a stronger management program, has merit”.

C. Warm water coalition goals and objectives – Exhibit D

D. We appreciate the fact that FWP has a large Agenda and a lot of responsibilities .

What time frame can we expect FWP to respond to the info presented today by the Warm Water Coalition?

Western Warm Water Coalition Data

<u>Lake</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Actual Game Fish</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	
	<u>Days</u>		<u>Cold</u>	<u>Warm</u>
Alvord Lake	659	LMB, YP	0%	100%
Brennman Slough	207	NP, CT	5%	95%
Boyle Lake	296	LMB, YP, PUMP, NP	0%	100%
Bull Lake (Troy)	4786	KOK, LMB, NP, RB	70%	30%
Cabinet Gorge Res	520	BRN, RB, NP, LMB, SMB	40%	60%
Clark Fork R.(Sanders)	24,974	BRN, RB, NP, LMB, SMB	40%	60%
Crow Res. (Lower)	373	BRN, RB, NP, LMB, SMB, YP	30%	70%
Dog Lake (Olney)	322	NP, YP	0%	100%
Duck Lake (Olney)	288	NP, YP, LT, RB	10%	90%
Echo Lake	5370	NP, YP, LMB, RB, KOK	5%	95%
Flathead Lake	48,665	LK, YP, CT, RB, LMB, LWF, NP	90%	10%
Flathead River (Lower)	6831	BRN, NP, RB, LMB, SMB, YP	40%	60%
Half Moon Lake	117	LMB, YP, BRK	5%	95%
Island Lake	145	LMB, YP	0%	100%
Lake Blaine	1084	LMB, YP, NP, PUMP, LK	10%	90%
Lake Five	146	LMB, YP, KOK	50%	50%
Lake Mary Ronan	23,611	LMB, YP, RB, KOK	60%	40%
Lion Lake	3297	YP, RB, CT	90%	10%
Loon Lake (Happy's)	584	SMB, LMB, NP, YP, RB, CT	15%	85%
Lower Thompson	5312	KOK, LMB, NP, RB, YP, BRN	55%	45%
Lynch Lake	203	LMB, YP, RB, BRK	10%	90%
Marl Lake	72	NP, YP	0%	100%
McWeneger Slough	222	NP, YP	0%	100%
Middle Thompson	10,380	KOK, NP, YP, LMB, RB, BRT	50%	50%
Murphy Lake	520	LMB, NP, YP	0%	100%
Noxon Reservoir	17,575	LMB, NP, YP, SMB, BRT	5%	95%
Rainbow Lake(Happys)	620	RB, YP	70%	30%
Rainbow Lake(Sanders)	137	NP, YP	0%	100%
Savage Lake	2818	LMB, CT, RB	70%	30%
Skyles Lake	613	LMB, YP, NP, PUMP	0%	100%
Sophie Lake	1040	LMB, YP, BLGILL, RB, NP	30%	70%
Spencer Lake	207	LMB, YP, NP	0%	100%
Stillwater River	3472	NP, RB, YP	10%	90%
Swan Lake	10,424	NP, BULLT, RB, KOK	50%	50%
Tally Lake	689	NP, LK, KOK, RB	60%	40%
Thompson Falls (Res)	207	NP, LMB, SMB, YP	0%	100%
Upper Stillwater Lake	234	NP, YP, CT, LK	10%	90%
Upper Thompson Lake	4536	NP, YP, LMB, RB	0%	100%
Whitefish River	1359	NP, RB	5%	95%
Whitefish Lake	6330	NP, LWF, LK,	80%	20%
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Reference

Lake Elwell	16,482
Hauser Lake	33,803
Canyon Ferry	106,810
Holter Lake	53,330